

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Region 5 Records Ctr. 275710

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF $$R\!-\!6J$

MAY 24 2001

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Marty Clarke c/o David J. Schmitt, Esq. Cors & Bassett 537 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 400 Cincinnati, OH 45202-3502

Re: Follow up to Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104(e)

of CERCLA for the Skinner Landfill Site in West Chester, Ohio, Butler County

Dear Mr. Clarke:

On April 6, 2001, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) issued an information request to you pursuant to Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) as amended, 42 U.S.C.§9604(e). A copy of that information request is enclosed with this letter. The information request was delivered to you by certified mail on April 11, 2001. The information request required certain documents and information be provided within 14 days of your receipt of the original letter.

Although the deadline has passed, U.S. EPA still has not received any response to its information request. To assist U.S. EPA in gathering information about contamination at the Site, please provide a complete response to the following questions from Enclosure 2 of the April 6, 2001 mailing immediately: Question# 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. U.S. EPA reserves the right to seek full and complete responses to all of the questions from Enclosure 2 of the April 6, 2001 mailing.

If you have not responded to the information request because you are concerned that your responses may contain information that you consider "confidential," please be advised that you cannot withhold information or records upon that basis. Please refer to Enclosure 5 of the original letter to assert a business confidentiality claim.

Failure to immediately comply with U.S. EPA's information request, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, may subject you to enforcement action seeking to compel compliance and collect penalties of up to twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) per day of noncompliance pursuant to Section 104(e)(5) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9604(e)(5). U.S. EPA has the authority to use the information requested herein in an administrative, civil, or criminal action.

Your response to the information request should be mailed to:

Fouad Dababneh, Enforcement Specialist U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Remedial Enforcement Support Section 77 West Jackson Boulevard SR-6J Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Please contact Fouad Dababneh at (312) 353-3944 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Wendy L. Carney, Chief

Remedial Response Branch #1

Enclosure